competitive environment is the responsibility of the Management of ITI.

However, with a view to optimally utilising the capacity of its own PSUs viz. ITI & HTL as also to keep these PSUs commercially viable, DOT is following a policy under which 30 to 35% of DOT orders, for the items manufactured by these Companies, are kept reserved for them.

Simultaneously, government has also advised ITI to diversify their products and customers. Government also keeps a watch on the functioning of the Public sector Units and as and when necessary remedial action is taken for improving the health and productivity of the PSUs.

**स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के दौरान पाकिस्तानी जेलों में यातनायें सहने वाले व्यक्तियों को पेंशन**

2289. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उन भारतीय स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को पेंशन देने की कोई योजना है जिन्होंने स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के दौरान, अविभाजित भारत की जेलों जोकि अब पाकिस्तान में हैं, में यातनायें सहन की थीं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और नीति संबंधी इस मामले पर कब तक निर्णय लिये जाने की संभावना है?

**गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद):** (क) और (ख) विद्यमान स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन योजना, बिना इस बात पर विचार किए कि देश विभाजन से पूर्व उन्होंने कहां जेल यातना भोगी थी, उन सभी भारतीय नागरिकों को कवर करती है जिन्होंने देश के स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में भाग लिया था बशर्ते कि वे इस योजना के प्रावधानों के अनुसार पात्रता की शर्तें पूरी करते हों और दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत करें।

**Production of Crude Oil**

2290. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) production of crude oil presently from various oil wells in the Country;

(b) how much quantity of crude oil is produced annually from the Gujarat State oil wells;

(c) whether Government have asked for any foreign assistance for the production of crude oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) During the first quarter of this year (April 1995 to June 1995) the crude oil production was 8.860 MMT.

(b) The crude oil produced during 1994-95 in Gujarat was 6.279 MMT.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Inter Exchange Transfer of Telephones**

2291. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time usually taken in the transfer of telephones from one telephone exchange to another exchange;

(b) what are the stages involved in the transfer of telephones;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result of inefficient handling, transfers of telephones are affected in as long as one year and the subscribers have to remind the officers at each stage;

(d) what steps Government propose to reduce the stages involved in the transfer of telephones with a view to avoid hardships to telephone subscribers; and

(e) what are the reasons that the responsibility is not fixed in cases of delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, the norm for shifting of a working telephone from one exchange to another

exchange is 15 days, if it is technically feasible.

(b) The stages involved are as under:

(1) Submission of application for shift by the subscriber to the commercial officer/customer service centre of the exchange in which the telephone is working.

(2) Issue of two OBs: one for disconnection of the number and the second for opening of a new number at the place where the telephone is desired to be shifted.

(3) Carrying out the physical installation of telephone connection at the new place.

(4) Disconnection of the telephone from the exchange from where it is to be shifted.

(5) Energisation of telephone connection from the new exchange, testing of number of intimation of the new number to the subscriber.

(c) No Sir. However, in some cases due to area being technically non-feasible, shift of telephone connection gets delayed. In such cases, subscriber is informed of the reasons for delay and likely time for carrying out the shift. The cases are being periodically reviewed and shifts effected after making the area feasible.

(d) The stages involved in the shift of the telephone have been kept at the barest minimum to avoid hardships to the subscriber. Time taken to complete all the stages will considerably reduced after the activities are computerised.

(e) Action as per departmental rules is taken wherever any case of negligence comes to the notice of the department.

**Blackmailing India By the US Government**

2292. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item which appeared in the Bombay edition of the Daily of 29th July, 1995, captioned 'US Blackmail';

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the US Government to stop supply of sophisticated arms and nuclear device to Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The newsitem carried by The Daily of 29 July, 1995 is without any basis, There is no linkage between the scrapping of the Dhabol Power Project deal with Enron, the US Administraion's proposal to tranfer military equipment to Pakistan or the situation in Kashmir.

(c) and (d) Government has made its strong opposition to the US Administration's proposal to transfer military equipment worth $368 million to Pakistan clear to the US at various levels, both in India and the US. Government have emphasized that the direct and adverse impact of this military package on India's security is likely to trigger an arms race in the region. The US Government is not proposing to transfer any nuclear device to Pakistan.

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**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

**Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (2) of Section 63 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notification